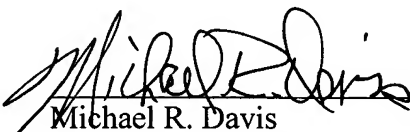


### Remarks

In the Preliminary Amendment filed December 30, 2005, Applicants indicated that IR wave number is normally represented by  $\mu$  (mu). This was incorrect. The IR wave number is normally represented by "v". The disclosure at page 41, line 21 has now been amended to make this correction.

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